



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR EARLY DETECTION,
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF LUNG CANCER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) On or before October
2 1, 2008, the Department of Public Health shall establish a pilot
3 program for hospitals licensed under chapter 368v of the general
4 statutes to improve early diagnosis, detection and treatment of lung
5 cancer. The commissioner shall make grants and may provide
6 additional financial incentives to hospitals participating in the pilot
7 program for the development and implementation of lung cancer
8 screening projects in which (1) at least twenty-five per cent of the
9 patients are racial minorities, (2) at least fifty per cent of the patients
10 have a family income below one hundred eighty-five per cent of the
11 federal poverty level and are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, and
12 (3) patients whose family income does not exceed one hundred eighty-
13 five per cent of the federal poverty level are not billed for such
14 screening services.

15 (b) The commissioner shall select hospitals to participate in the pilot
16 program authorized under subsection (a) of this section by a

17 competitive process based on consideration of the following: (1)
18 Availability of computerized tomography scanning at the hospital; (2)
19 whether the hospital is located in an area designated by the federal
20 Health Resources and Services Administration as a medically
21 underserved area or an area with a medically underserved population;
22 (3) the percentage of low-income persons to whom the hospital
23 provides services on an annual basis; and (4) such other factors as the
24 commissioner deems relevant.

25 (c) On or before January 1, 2010, the Commissioner of Public Health
26 shall evaluate the pilot program established under subsection (a) of
27 this section and shall submit a report of the commissioner's findings
28 and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
29 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in
30 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To improve early detection and diagnosis of lung cancer.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]